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OCEAN BILATERAL

1. AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON AND WULF MET WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KOZYREV AND KOVALEV ON MAY 11. AFTER OUTLINING ANEW U.S. POSITION AND POSITION OF SOME OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN CASTANEDA NEGOTIATION REGARDING RESTORATION OF CASTANEDA TEXT IN ICNT, QUESTION WAS PUT WHETHER SOVIETS WOULD BE WILLING TO TELL YANKOV THAT THEY HAD NO DIFFICULT WITH RESTORATION. KOZYREV RESPONDED BY ASKING ABOUT VIEWS OF THE G-77 AND ADDED THAT BRAZIL WOULD NOT ACCEPT CHANGES TO DISPUTE SETTLEMENT ARTICLE--PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT ARTICLE.

2. KOZYREV THEN SUGGESTED THAT SCIENCE BE DISCUSSED IN CONTEXT WITH OTHER ISSUES AND SUGGESTED MEETING AT EXPERT LEVEL ON DELIMITATION ISSUES, PARTICULARLY ARTICLE 297
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DEALING WITH BOUNDARY DELIMITATION BETWEEN ADJACENT AND OPPOSITE STATES. DISCUSSIONS AT THIS LEVEL WAS AGREED AND EXPERTS MET MORNING OF MAY 12. SINCE SOVIETS SUGGESTED MEETING TO TAKE PLACE IN COFFEE SHOP AT UN, WE BELIEVE THAT EXPERT DISCUSSION WAS MORE A MATTER OF FORM THAN SUBSTANCE.

3. FOLLOWING EXPERT MEETING, KOVALEV STATED HE WOULD NEED TO CONSULT KOZYREV RE SCIENCE CHANGES. AROUND NOON, KOVALEV STATED THAT SOVIETS WOULD NOT OBJECT TO RESTORATION OF CASTANEDA TEXT AND WOULD SO INFORM YANKOV. THEY STATED THAT IF OTHERS ASKED THEIR VIEWS REGARDING RESTORATION, THEY WOULD ONLY STATE THAT THEY WERE STUDYING IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH A CHANGE.

4. AT FINAL MEETING OF C-III, MAY 12, SOVIETS AND THEIR CLIENT STATES MADE NO REFERENCE TO SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. APPROXIMATELY 15 COUNTRIES WERE RECORDED FAVORING RESTORATION WHILE FIVE OPPOSED, PROVIDING YANKOV WITH A POLITICAL BASE FOR CHANGES IF HE SO INCLINED. OUTCOME ON THIS ISSUE NOT LIKELY TO BE KNOWN BEFORE CLOSE OF SESSION--MAY 19.

5. AMB. RICHARDSON DISCUSSED SCIENCE CHANGES WITH YANKOV ON MAY 15. YANKOV STATED THAT THERE WAS NOT A BASIS FOR CHANGING THE ICNT BASED ON COMMITTEE DISCUSSION. HE URGED US TO SEEK AGREEMENT WITH EXTREMISTS ON THE SCIENCE ISSUE -- PAKISTAN, INDIA, BRAZIL, PERU, YUGOSLAVIA -- AND WITH THE SOVIET UNION. IF AGREEMENT WERE REACHED WITH THAT GROUP, HE WOULD AMEND THE ICNT. WE TOLD HIM IT WAS UNACCEPTABLE FOR US TO SEEK ONLY THE CONCURRENCE OF THE EXTREMISTS AND IGNORE THE VIEWS OF THE MODERATES WHO FAVORED CHANGE.
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6. RICHARDSON MET WITH KOZYREV ON MAY 16 AND URGED HIM TO APPROACH YANKOV ON SCIENCE ISSUE. KOZYREV RESPONDED THAT YANKOV IS BOUND BY THE NEGOTIATIONS AND HE COULD NOT PROMISE TO SPEAK TO HIM. YANKOV COULD NOT RISK HIS PRESTIGE BY IGNORING THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE KNOWN OPPOSITION OF SOME COASTAL STATES KOZYREV ADDED. BECAUSE NO CLEAR WAY OF CHANGING THE ICNT WAS AVAILABLE, KOZYREV URGED WAITING ON SCIENCE UNTIL AFTER THIS SESSION. HE STATED A WILLINGNESS TO HELP ON SCIENCE IN THE CONTEXT OF A WIDE-RANGING PACKAGE OF OTHER ISSUES. WE TOLD KOZYREV THERE WAS NO GUARANTEE THAT FUTURE U.S. PROPOSALS ON SCIENCE WOULD BE AS CIRCUMSCRIBED AS THOSE WE ARE NOW SEEKING.

7. METALNIKOV TOLD WULF DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON WITH MARTINEAU ON DATES PROPOSED WERE ACCEPTABLE IN PRINCIPLE. HE STATED THAT VISA APPLICATION WOULD HAVE TO BE PROCESSED AND SOVIETS WOULD ALSO NEED TO REEXAMINE WHETHER RENEWAL OF BILATERAL WAS DESIRABLE FOR THEM. RICHARDSON

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